

### **REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2005. In view of the foregoing amendments and following representations, reconsideration is respectfully requested.


By the above amendment, claim 17 has been amended and claim 19 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 17-18 and 20-23 are currently pending in the present application.

On page 5 of the previous Office Action, claim 19 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, the limitations of claim 19 have been incorporated into independent claim 17. Therefore, claim 17 is now allowable for the reasons set forth on page 5 of the Office Action. The remaining claims 18 and 20-23 depend on claim 17, and are therefore allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is now clearly in condition for allowance. The Examiner therefore is requested to pass this case to issue.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,  
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